



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

DENT MIDDLE

Richland 2

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 1,253

Principal: Randall R. Gary

Superintendent: Dr. Katie Brochu

Board Chair: Bill Flemming, Jr., D.M.D.

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

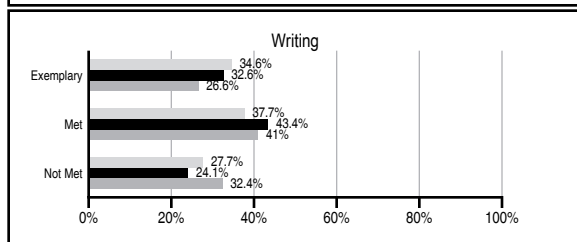
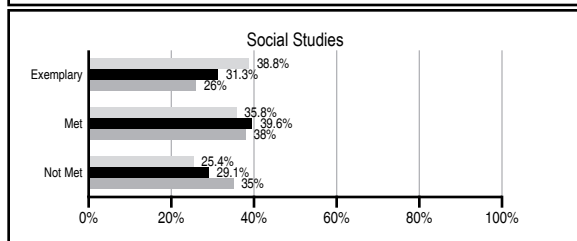
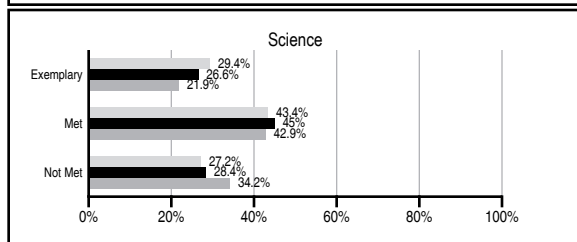
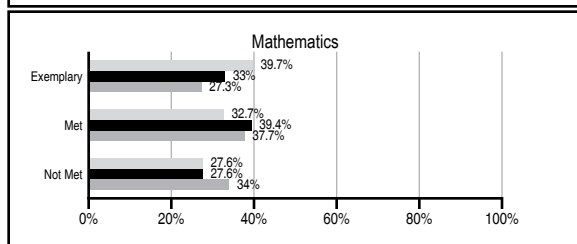
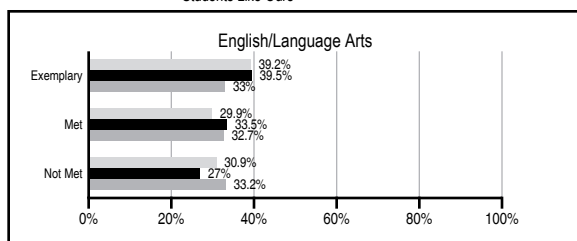
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	15	25	0	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

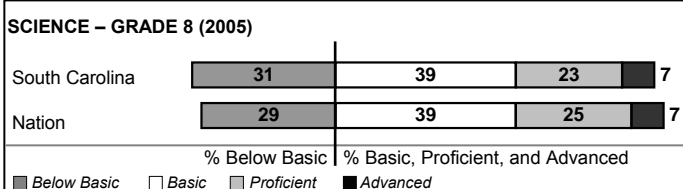
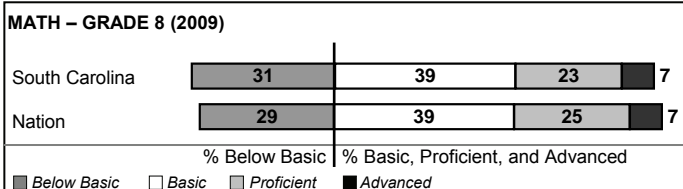
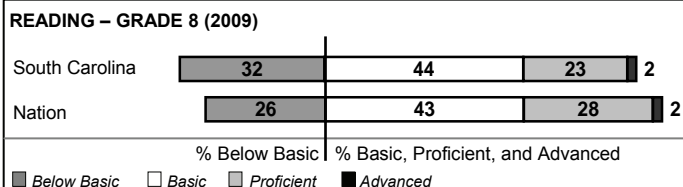
PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	98.8	97.6
English 1	N/A	95.6
Physical Science	N/A	25.9
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	98.8	95.8

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=1,253)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	48.0%	Down from 51.2%	32.7%	24.2%
Retention rate	0.6%	Down from 1.4%	0.6%	0.7%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Down from 99.5%	96.0%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	19.9%	Up from 17.6%	20.9%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.5%	Up from 7.7%	11.7%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.1%	Down from 1.8%	2.0%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.3%	Up from 2.4%	0.9%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=91)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	68.1%	Down from 72.0%	59.0%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	63.7%	Up from 61.3%	83.3%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.7%	Down from 6.4%	3.8%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.9%	Up from 81.2%	85.6%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 95.3%	95.7%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,352	Up 1.6%	\$47,047	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 3.4%	0.0%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	8.2 days	Down from 9.4 days	10.2 days	10.2 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 8.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.8 to 1	Up from 19.6 to 1	23.0 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Down from 94.0%	90.6%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.6%	Up from 95.9%	98.6%	98.1%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,993	Up 2.1%	\$7,213	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	69.2%	Up from 67.9%	64.2%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.0%	Up from 62.6%	60.3%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	93.9%	No Change	92.6%	92.3%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	61	0	2
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.2%	FORMS	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.7%	LOST IN	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	81.4%	SHIPMENT	I/S

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Dent Middle School prides itself on its commitment to provide a world class education. With over 1,240 students and a variety of choice and magnet programs, we take to heart our theme of "New Beginnings, Endless Possibilities." 2009-2010 was a banner year as our school, students, and faculty were recognized for outstanding achievements in a variety of areas. Our school goals were to increase the academic achievement of all students, to implement initiatives to improve students' interpersonal and intrapersonal skills, to improve teacher quality and performance, and to positively promote the school and its programs to parents and the community. As a result of our efforts, we demonstrated excellence in all aspects of academics, the arts, and family relations.

This school year, we earned recognition as a finalist for the Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Award. Dent Middle School was noted as a 2010 Red Carpet School, acknowledged for providing a family-friendly school environment. Furthermore, we also were recognized for the being home of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators' Middle School Principal of the Year and of the South Carolina Career Specialist of the Year.

Thirty-eight of our students earned State Recognition and five students qualified for Grand Recognition in the Duke Talent Identification Program. Sixty-four of our eighth grade students were recognized by the State Department of Education as Junior Scholars for their performance on the PSAT. One of our seventh grade students posted a perfect score of 800 on the math section of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), and once again we boasted the title of state MATHCOUNTS champions. Our symphonic band, orchestra, and chorus all received ratings of "Superior" at their state concert festivals. Several of our students were awarded superior ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festival and were selected for All Region and All State Bands. As a result, our symphonic band earned the Outstanding Performance Award as recognized by the South Carolina Band Directors' Association.

While continuing to promote our goals of teaching and learning, strides have been made to ensure our continued progression to meet the unique needs of our diverse student body. President John F. Kennedy stated, "Our progress as a nation can come no swifter than our progress in education." In anticipation of the challenges that will confront us in the future, we have positioned ourselves to prepare students for the world ahead. We take pride in the strength and diversity of the programs we offer, of the quality of our teachers, of the participation of our parents, and especially of the accomplishments of our students. We value the entire community of learners in our efforts to prepare our students for the future.

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